

April 26, 2026

KENNEWICK CHURCH OF CHRIST



### **How Many Good Works Are Enough to Save Me? (Part 3 of 4)**

The Bible teaches that God requires Christians to engage faithfully in good works (Matt. 7:21; 1 Cor. 15:58; Phil. 2:12; Jas. 2:14-26; 1 John 1:7). The Bible teaches that God conditions salvation from sin and eternity in heaven upon faithful obedience to His commands. Can a Christian receive the crown of life without being faithful (Rev. 2:10)? Can a Christian receive eternal life without doing good (Rom. 2:6-10)? Can a Christian enjoy eternal salvation without continuing to obey Christ (Heb. 5:9)? Scripture is clear.

Sometimes there are questions that follow such affirmations from Scripture. Someone might say, “I see what the Bible is saying about doing good works, but how many good works are enough? How can I know if I am doing enough works?”

As humans, it seems natural to want a checklist or a measurement to which we aim and then know that we have “reached the goal” and “done enough” to satisfy the demand. But that’s not how God works. God is not looking to be a certain portion of your life that you can “check off” when you’re done. God wants to be “your life” (Col. 3:4; cf. Phil. 1:20-21).

As you think about “how many good works are enough,” put it in context of the specifics of God’s expectations. God tells us to pray (1 Thess. 5:17)—how many prayers are enough? God tells us to study the Bible (2 Tim. 2:15)—how much studying is enough? God tells us to sing songs to Him and one another (Eph. 5:19)—how many songs are enough? God tells us to give as we have been prospered (1 Cor. 16:1-2)—how much giving is enough? God tells us to preach the gospel to lost souls (Mark 16:15)—how many people are enough? God tells us to encourage one another (1 Thess. 5:11)—how much encouragement is enough? God tells us to stir up one another to love and good works (Heb. 10:24)—how much stirring is enough? God tells us to restore erring brethren (Gal. 6:1)—how many restorations is enough? God tells us to visit and help widows (Jas. 1:27)—how much visiting is enough? God tells us to assemble with the saints (Heb. 10:25)—how much assembling is enough? God tells us to do good unto all (Gal. 6:10)—how much doing good is enough?

You see, the Christian life is not about a checklist or a measurement of “how much” is “enough.” It’s about a life that we live. Peter summarized the life of Jesus by saying that He “went about doing good” (Acts 10:38). What is the summary of my life? Is it the “good works” for which I have been “created in Christ Jesus” (Eph. 2:10), as I live this new life for Him (Rom. 6:4; 2 Cor. 5:17)? Is it going the extra mile for Christ and doing “more” for Him (Matt. 5:41-48)—not because I have to, but because I want to? Has God ever looked at me and asked, “How much is enough for Me to do for him?”~David Sproule

<b>Keep these Dates in Mind</b>	<b>Birthdays and Anniversaries</b>	
05/03 Monthly Potluck 05/09 Men's Business Meeting 05/11 Hand & Foot Get Together	Lynette Jones 5/4 Bill Lafferty 5/8 Jonni Marcotte 5/22 Kurtis Rau 5/26	
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Singings</b>	<b>Bible Studies</b>	
May 31 – Pendleton Aug 30 – Hermiston Nov 29 - Kennewick	<b>Adult Bible Classes</b> (Fellowship Hall) Sunday am (9:30a) – 2nd Timothy Wed pm (6:00p) – Minor Prophets	<b>Ladies Class</b> Ladies class - Thursday, at 11:00 -12:30. Survey of the OT

**For us to remember:**

- **Annie Phom, Pat Lindsay, Karen McBurney, Tami Pennington, Jim Preston, Sandi Gray, Shannon Mendoza, Bill Lafferty, Linda Lafferty, Lyn Gigar, Queca Woods, Paul Mays, Shauna** (Ila Stevens granddaughter), **Jonni Marcotte, Joe Marcotte, Freddie Garza** (Danny's cousin), **Terry Brown, Lupe Mendoza, Jackson Ward** (Josh Mendoza's friend), **Tamara Zog, Doreen Martinez**
- **Lupe Mendoza** as she continues to heal.
- **Pat Lindsay** is home and continues to heal.
- **Judy Ward** in hospice
- **John** (Connie Stecker's brother) in hospice
- Karen McBurney's cousin **Ginger Myers** passed away. Keep Karen in your prayers.
- **Jim Preston** has a lung infection that requires antibiotic infusions. The side effects are worse than expected. Keep Jim and Holly in your prayers.
- **Teens Rally on the Rocks** is coming. If you are interested in going see Delina Woodward
- Also if you are interested in going to camp this year see Shannon Mendoza or Delina Woodward

<b>Date</b>	<b>Opening Prayer</b>	<b>Song Leader</b>	<b>Communion Thought (Devotional)</b>	<b>Lord's Supper</b>	<b>Closing Prayer</b>
This week	H. Jones	J. Mendoza	G. Kever	J. Danley K. McCown	D. McLaughlin
Next Week	J. Danley	L. Moore	J. Mendoza	K. Winstead J. Wilson	B. Lafferty

### Would You Be the Last One Standing?

There is an old adage that says, "Everyone wants to fit in." That certainly has some truth to it. No one wants to feel weird. We want to be liked. We want to share interests with others and make friends.

There is nothing inherently wrong with wanting to fit in. As Christians, we are expected to fit in with the church at large and in our local congregation, just as the early church did. In Acts 4:32, the Bible tells us, "Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul; neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common." They fit in with each other, and it was a good thing.

But, in order to fit in with the church, we must reject the world. Paul tells us in Romans 12:2, "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God." The natural path of the world is contrary to godliness. We never want to fit in with sinfulness. As John says, "Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world" (1 John 2:15-16).

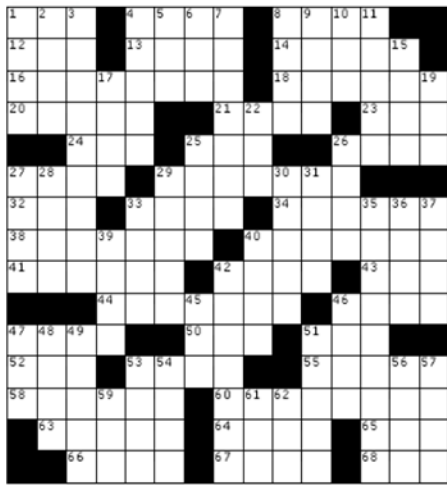
God wants Christians to take a stand against worldliness. No matter what way the world goes, Christians must stand with Jesus. Being members of the church makes this a whole lot easier. We have a community that we share these beliefs with. We encourage each other and edify one another with teaching and correction (cf. Col. 3:16). But, how much more difficult would it be if we didn't have the church? What if you were the only person standing up for what's right? Would you do it?

That is exactly the situation in which Noah found himself before the Lord flooded the earth. The Bible says, "Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations...So God looked upon the earth, and indeed it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth" (Gen. 6:9-12). In a world full of wickedness, Noah stood out. All of his contemporaries rejected the Lord, but he refused and raised his children to follow the Lord.

It is easy to stand for what's right when you have others to back you up. But, it takes real faith to stand on your own. Many churches have forsaken the teachings of the Bible in favor of popular innovations (e.g., instrumental music, female preachers, etc.). It could happen that you find yourself being pushed to do what everyone else is doing and fit in. What would you do if you were the last one standing for what is right? Be like Noah and stand with God. ~Robert Lupo

### Wednesday Night Devotional

Date	Song leader	Devotional	Date	Song leader	Devotional
04/29	D. Mendoza	L. Moore	05/27	J. Mendoza	D. McLaughlin
05/06	J. Mendoza	J. Wilson	06/03	L. Moore	B. Lafferty
05/13	D. Mendoza	H. Jones	06/10	D. Mendoza	J. Mendoza
05/20	L. Moore	D. Mendoza	06/17	J. Mendoza	J. Danley



**ACROSS**

- 1 Hoopla
- 4 Buck
- 8 University (abbr.)
- 12 Fall mo.
- 13 Aura
- 14 Punctuation mark
- 16 Corns (2 wds.)
- 18 Five \_\_ and three fishes
- 20 Flub
- 21 Saul, later
- 23 Time period
- 24 Transgression
- 25 Cot
- 26 Smooth
- 27 Place for the wicked
- 29 British traveling bag
- 32 Poem
- 33 Mists
- 34 Spring flowers
- 38 Biblical disease
- 40 One of Jesus' 12
- 41 Tempt
- 42 Architect Albert \_\_

- 43 Rowing tool
- 44 Famous falls
- 46 Green Gables dweller
- 47 \_\_, frankincense and myrrh
- 50 Official
- 51 Vane direction
- 52 To be in debt
- 53 Thy word is a \_\_ unto my feet
- 55 Rover
- 58 Nap raiser
- 60 Survivor of fiery furnace
- 63 Had by Joseph, Joseph and magi
- 64 One of the Gospels
- 65 Snooze
- 66 Dozes
- 67 Ripe
- 68 Test

**DOWN**

- 1 Stake
- 2 Entryway

- 3 Broken alarm result
- 4 Trimmed off the wool
- 5 Sticky black substance
- 6 Brew
- 7 First 4 books of NT
- 8 Organization concerned with civil liberties (abbr.)
- 9 Awesome!
- 10 Wing
- 11 State capital
- 15 A Roman emperor
- 17 Dirty
- 19 \_\_ Francisco
- 22 Count
- 25 Evil spirit
- 26 Evils
- 27 Sock's wound
- 28 Eve's garden
- 29 Book after Daniel
- 30 I am the \_\_ and the Omega

- 31 Daniel was thrown into the \_\_'s den
- 33 Central points
- 35 Reconciliation
- 36 Family group
- 37 Withered
- 39 Peel
- 40 Retired persons association (abbr.)
- 42 Uganda capital
- 45 Chiclé
- 46 Soon
- 47 Received
- 48 Payable
- 49 Memorize
- 51 Concluded
- 53 Bounce
- 54 Charity
- 56 Seaweed substance
- 57 Foolish
- 59 Ocean
- 61 Irritate
- 62 Stretch to make do

**Building Maintenance**

<b>May</b>	Joe Wilson	<b>Sep</b>	Darrell Mc Laughin
<b>Jun</b>	Gary Keever	<b>Oct</b>	Danny Mendoza
<b>Jul</b>	Chase Sullins	<b>Nov</b>	Harvey Jones
<b>Aug</b>	Larry Moore	<b>Dec</b>	Vern Engelke

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**Meeting Times:**

Sunday Bible Study 9:30 am

Wednesday Night Bible Study 6:00 pm

Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 am

Sunday Night Worship 6:00 pm

**Minister:** Chase Sullins